



## BIOGRAPHY

### UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

#### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT THANE K. STAUFFER

Chief Master Sergeant Thane K. Stauffer is the interim Command Chief, 184th Intelligence Wing, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. The 1,200-plus members of the 184th operate a diverse set of missions focusing on intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations, network and information operations, full-spectrum command and control, and Smoky Hill Weapons Range. The wing also fields a full complement of support functions including civil engineering, security forces, medical, and force support units. The 184th Intelligence Wing operates as a key node in the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System, providing deployed combat forces near-real time processing, exploitation, and dissemination of reconnaissance aircraft sensor data. Additionally, the wing is responsible for the operation and security of the entire Air National Guard network cyber-domain. Chief Stauffer advises the wing commander on the health, morale, welfare, mission effectiveness and proper utilization of the more-than 1,200 enlisted personnel assigned to four groups comprised of 14 Squadrons, two of which are geographically separated.



Chief Stauffer enlisted in the Kansas Air National Guard January 1981. He served as a traditional guardsman in the 190th Propulsion Element shop Forbes Field Topeka KS as a Jet Engine Mechanic on the KC-135A/E Tanker Aircraft. March of 1986 he transferred to the 184th Tactical Fighter Group McConnell AFB, KS Propulsion Element and became a full-time air technician. He served as a Propulsion Element Technician on the F-4D Phantom, the F-16 A&B, C&D Fighting Falcon, B-1B Lancer and the KC-135R Tanker Aircraft until November 2000 when he was selected as the Propulsion Element Supervisor. Chief Stauffer managed a three shift operation on the B-1B with 26 full time and traditional guardsmen and led the Propulsion Element's conversion from the B-1B to the KC-135R. Additionally, he was selected as the National Guard Bureau Single Point of Contact for the F108-CF-100 jet engine, representing and presenting all field unit issues directly to the Guard Bureau and Depot for disposition and resolution. March of 2008 Chief Stauffer was selected as an Intelligence Operations Supervisor in the 161st Intelligence Squadron managing over 40 full-time and traditional airmen. May 2011, CMSgt Stauffer was selected as the Chief Enlisted Manager, Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate, Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, and 1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern), Tyndall Air Force Base, FL. He advised and assisted the A2 Director on all intelligence matters, provided senior-level leadership and mentoring, and provided general supervision for 31 assigned Total Force Integrated personnel. Additionally, he provided guidance, mentorship and support to 16 subordinate unit Superintendents.

#### EDUCATION

- 1983 U.S. Air Force Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Orientation Course, by correspondence
- 1986 U.S. Air Force Supervisors' Course, Joint Force Headquarters Kansas, Topeka, Kan.
- 1994 U.S. Air Force NCO Academy, by correspondence
- 2001 U.S. Air Force NCO Academy, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.

## **EDUCATION Cont.**

2003 U.S. Air Force Ground Safety Course, McConnell Air Force Base (AFB), Kan.  
2005 U.S. Air Force Senior NCO Academy, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2008 Intelligence Operations Specialist Technical School , Goodfellow AFB, Texas  
2012 Defense Support of Civil Authorities Phase I & II, Tyndall AFB, Fla.  
2012 Air Combat Command Chiefs' Orientation Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
2012 Air Force Forces Intermediate Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.  
2012 ANG Chiefs' Executive Course, Andrews AFB, Md.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. January 1981 – February 1986, Jet Engine Mechanic, 190th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Forbes Field, Kan.  
2. March 1986 – February 2008, 184th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base (AFB), Kan.  
3. February 2008 – May 2011, Intelligence Operations Supervisor, 161st Intelligence Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.  
4. May 2011 – August 2014, Chief Enlisted Manager, CONR-1AF (ARNORTH)/A2, Tyndall AFB, Fla.  
5. August 2014 – September 2015, Superintendent, 184th Intelligence Group, McConnell AFB, Kan.  
6. October 2015 – present, Command Chief, 184th Intelligence Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal

## **STATE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Kansas National Guard Meritorious Service Ribbon  
Kansas National Guard State Emergency Duty Service Ribbon  
Kansas National Guard Service Medal with three devices

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, Life Member

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION**

Chief Master Sergeant, November 2011

(Current as of October 2015)